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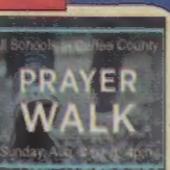
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Elba woman arrested Friday, Aug. 12, on chemical endangerment of a child charge

An Elba woman faces a chemical endangerment of a child charge after an arrest Friday, Aug. 12, in Elba, according to the Coffee County Jail inmate report.

Zoe Suggs, age 21, of Elba was arrested by Elba Police on the felony charge. She was booked into the Coffee County Jail at 5:59 p.m. Friday evening, where

she remained as of press time this week. Her bond is set at \$30,000.

Also, on Friday evening, Elba Police arrested Jodie Johnson, age 43, of Elba, on multiple charges.

He was booked into the Coffee County Jail at 5:54 p.m. that evening. Charges included possession of marijuana – second degree (\$1,000 bond), misdemeanor or possession of drug paraphernalia (\$1,000 bond), along with felony probation violation, and execution of sentence.

Johnson also remained in the Coffee County Jail as of press time this week, according to the county jail records.



MEET THE TIGERS... Elba High School hosted its annual "Meet the Tigers" event last Thursday evening, Aug. 11, from inside the high school gym. The event had been planned for Tiger Stadium, but weather forecasts for the evening prompted a change in venue; but that did not dampen the Tiger Spirit as a large crowd was in attendance to meet the school's fall athletes in football, cheer, band, and volleyball. Both the football and volleyball seasons get underway this week! Above, the football team is led into the gym by senior J.T. Coleman (8) to the cheers of the many Tiger fans. More photos from the event can be found on Page 8 of today's paper.

(Photo by BCSports Photography)

After hearing presentation from assistant principal

Elba BOE approves school year salary schedules during special called meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During a special called meeting Tuesday, Aug. 9, the Elba Board of Education approved the 2022-2023 school year salary schedule, which included new schedules for three administrative positions that had previously been paid following the teacher salary trajectory.

Prior to the approval of the schedules, Elba City Schools assistant principal Jason Tucker addressed the board regarding his salary. Superintendent Chris Moseley noted that Tucker had sent some documents to board members prior to the meeting for their review, and he was given three minutes to speak before also answering any questions.

"When you accept a job, you accept how you are going to get paid," Tucker said. "In 2017-18 when I accepted the assistant principal job with Elba City Schools, I was told I was paid on the teacher salary matrix calculated out for a 12-month contract."

He said he interviewed with the two school principals at that time [Wynn Grimes and Debra Strickland] as the assistant principal would answer to each. He said those principals indicated his pay would be calculated from the teacher salary matrix.

Tucker said his pay had followed suit with that

"I am a tenured employee," Tucker said. "I am on a continuing contract, which means if I am not notified when my contract expires on June 30th it automatically renews July 1st on the same contract and stipulations we've always had."

He is correct that he is a tenured employee; however, Mr. Tucker is not tenured as an assistant principal," superintendent Chris Moseley said. "He is only tenured from his time in the classroom, so, his contract does not run until the date he states for June. Teacher contracts run on different dates than administrators."

He said for five years there had been a consistent and undeniable pattern of how he was compensated.

Leading up to this school year, Tucker said the state had given more credit to older teachers who have stayed in the business, and he had finished his EDS, which is halfway to him completing his doctorate.

"According to that calculation under our old agreement, I would earn over \$89,000 per year at that rate," Tucker said. "The difference in what the state is

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honor my time," he said in conclusion of his presentation.

The superintendent said there were a lot of things presented by Tucker that he agreed with regarding numbers matching up with his pay the past five years; however, he said there was not a built-in salary sched-

Alabama Department of Public Health follows updated CDC COVID-19 guidance for schools and quarantine

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) is following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) new COVID-19 recommendations for schools and updated quarantine and isolation guidance for adults. The CDC guidance acknowledges that the pandemic is not over, but also helps move to a point where COVID-19 no longer severely disrupts daily lives. The CDC has relaxed its COVID-19 guidance for members of the public who are exposed or infected to try to minimize the disruption to their lives. Schools are no longer recommended to use cohorts, quarantines and screening testing in most situations.

Routine screening testing is no longer needed but may be considered such as during high-risk activities

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HANGING OUT WITH FRIENDS... Byrdie Forbes was all smiles last Thursday night at the Elba Country Club following the Meet the Tigers event at Elba High School. With fall fast approaching, Byrdie is looking forward to spending more time outside enjoying her friends!

Area Happenings

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL RETURNS TO THE AREA... The Elba Tigers will travel to New Brockton for the opening game of the 2022 football season Friday night, Oct. 19; while the Kinston Bulldogs will host Samson, and the Brantley Bulldogs will travel to Luverne. Also, the Zion Chapel Rebels will travel to Flora for a pre-season jamboree Friday night. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. for each game.

THE COFFEE COUNTY PRAYER WALK FOR SCHOOLS will be Sunday, Aug. 21, at 4 p.m. at all city and county schools. This is sponsored by the Coffee County Baptist Women on Missions, but all denominations are welcome to come and pray at the school of choice. There will be prayer leaders on campus at each school during this time.

THE ELBA CITY COUNCIL will meet Monday evening, Aug. 22, at 5:30 p.m. for the regular bi-monthly meeting. This meeting is open to the public and will be held at Elba City Hall, 200 Buford Street, Elba.

CCBOE to hold budget hearings:

The Coffee County Board of Education will hold the first public hearing Thursday, Sept. 1, at 12 noon, to present the system-wide budget for Fiscal Year 2023.

The budget hearing will be held at the Coffee County Board of Education Administrative Office, 400 Reddoch Hill Road, Elba, during a special board meeting.

The second public hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 1, at the Coffee County Board of Education Administrative Office, during a regular board meeting.

Parents, teachers and interested citizens may attend these budget hearings. Budget forms will be available at the Coffee County Board of Education Superintendent's Office prior to the hearings.



PAVING IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUE ON ELBA CITY SCHOOLS CAMPUS... The paving and erosion improvements on the Elba City Schools campus continued this week as new asphalt was poured Tuesday, Aug. 16, for the newly designed Tiger Stadium reserved parking lot. After the paving is completed, the parking lot will get new striping for 57 reserved parking spots. These spots are on sale "first come, first serve" along with reserved seating tickets at the Elba City Schools central office. Additionally, parking lots at both Elba High School and Elba Elementary School have been newly paved and striped. Elba City Schools officials said it has been a challenge working around the paving contractors throughout the summer and now into the new school year, but they added it has been well worth the hassle.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear." Nelson Mandela

Vocal sports fans assure the world that Little League sports are good character builders. Others cite the downside of exposing young kids to competitive sports. Choose your side but give thanks for the example of a young baseball player last week. He was up to bat, the pitcher accidentally hit him with a pitch and the batter moved to first base while the pitcher had a meltdown for accidentally hitting the batter. The batter walked off of first base and to the pitcher's mound where he embraced the pitcher, consoling him for the accident and assuring him that he was alright. We have all seen batters getting hit by wayward pitches and many resulted in fights, but this case is an example of great sportsmanship. His parents and/or coaches are all due some praise as well. The young batter had some mighty good leaders somewhere in his life.

Alabama Republican's proposal to have a "closed" election primary has long been talked about. Well last weekend the party leadership voted to petition The Alabama legislature to change from the present system of voters declaring their party desires when arriving at the polls and getting the related ballot for that party. The new system would change this system and voters would have to preregister with their preferred party to vote in the PRIMARY. This of course can be changed by registering with another party before election day. The General Election would remain as it is today. We predict Alabama voters will be up in arms if this begins to get closer to reality or is actually approved. Anyone with any doubt should just think back to the time Alabama voters had to first begin declaring their party preferences on primary election day. You will surely remember voters getting very agitated when poll officials asked, "Which Party are you voting for?" It was considered an invasion of their constitutionally given privacy.

The FDA has approved the sale of hearing aids "over the counter" which means a person doesn't have to see a licensed hearing specialist to buy hearing aids. This has been promoted as an outlet for less expensive hearing aids. Frankly we didn't know that was a legal requirement, so can't predict just how revolutionary that will be for those of us old folks who will be in need of the hearing aids due to hearing impairment. Alabama will surely see some cheap 'junk' hitting the market, along with the tried-and-true professional ear buds. It is of course another case of 'buyer beware'.

The weather is still extremely hot, but it is again football season. High school games get underway in this corner of the world Friday night. The players have been practicing for weeks, so should be OK with the heat, but the intensity of the game could expose players to overexertion and heat issues. Hopefully the coaches know how to watch for this problem. Winning is great, but it ain't everything! We want our children to be around and able to talk about their exploits on the field for years to come.

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2022, and Monday, Aug. 15, 2022, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, Aug. 9 – Traffic accident reported on Hickman Ave (1:13 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 1015 Farris Ave (6:25 a.m.); Shoplifter reported at the Elba Food Giant (11:25 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 200 Buford St (12:30 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1618 County Rd 249 (12:36 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at 23690 Hwy 167 (1:34 p.m.); Intoxicated driver reported on Taylor Mill Rd (1:50 p.m.); Livestock in the roadway reported on Hwy 84 near Hwy 141 (4:21 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 429 N Claxton Ave (4:31 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84 – a citation was issued to the driver (5:09 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at the intersection of Hwy 84 and Hwy 141 (5:22 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 661 E Davis St (11:51 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a citation.

Wednesday, Aug. 10 – Suspicious person reported on Taylor Mill Rd (4:24 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 201 County Rd 401 (5:03 p.m.); Harassment reported on Ann St (11:48 p.m.). Five traffic stops resulted in written warnings for all.

Thursday, Aug. 11 – Burglary reported at 417 Buford St (8:11 a.m.); Traffic accident reported on Tiger Dr (3:17 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 866 Cedar Lane Dr (5:49 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 300 Champ McCollough Dr (9:50 p.m.). Nine traffic stops resulted in five written warnings, one report, two citations, and one verbal warning.

Friday, Aug. 12 –

Elba Police Report

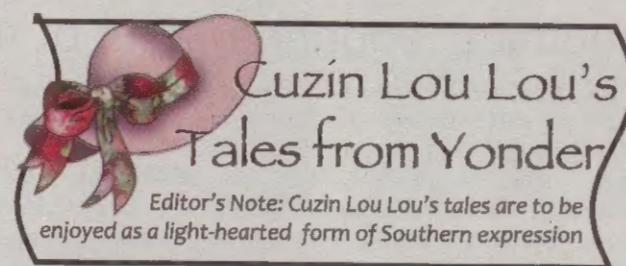
Suspicious vehicle reported at 638 N Claxton Ave (1:20 a.m.); Suspicious person reported on Court Ave (1:46 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 342 N Court Ave (1:52 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 490 County Rd 263 (3:38 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 211 Adkinson Ave (7:54 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at Hwy 84 and Hwy 189 (11:33 a.m.); Noise complaint reported on Taylor Mill Rd (5:30 p.m.); Noise complaint reported on Cedar Lane Dr (10:51 p.m.). Nine traffic stops resulted in five written warnings, one citation, one arrest, and two verbal warnings.

Saturday, Aug. 13 – Domestic complaint reported at 667 Reynolds Ave – an arrest was made (8:01 a.m.); Identity theft reported on Reynolds Ave – an arrest was made (12:46 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 637 N Claxton Ave (10:30 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1085 Neil Grantham Dr (10:45 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1269 Highland Dr (11:13 p.m.). Twelve traffic stops resulted in two citations, five verbal warnings, and five written warnings.

Sunday, Aug. 14 – Suspicious vehicle reported at R&A Towing (12:28 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 632 N Claxton Ave (12:30 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 804 Hwy 203 (1:15 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 405 Adkinson Ave (1:40 a.m.); Suspicious person reported on Hwy 189 (1:55 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84 – driver was issued a verbal warning (7:25 a.m.); Suspicious person reported on Hwy 84 (7:27 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 740 West St (7:29 a.m.); Harassment reported at 876 Cedar Lane Dr (7:38 a.m.); Civil complaint reported at 1019 Garrett St (8:00 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 994 Hwy 203 (8:44 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1125 Morrow Ave (5:16 p.m.); Noise complaint reported on Taylor Mill Rd (5:32 p.m.); Traffic acci-

dent reported on Hwy 84 (8:26 p.m.); Eleven traffic stops resulted in five verbal warnings, five written warnings, and one arrest.

Monday, Aug. 15 – Civil complaint reported at 661 E Davis St (2:41 a.m.); Drug activity reported at 612 Adams Ave (5:43 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 304 Factory Ave (9:19 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 2695 Hwy 166 – animal impounded (9:30 a.m.); Harassment reported at 11 County Rd 342 (11:02 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 990 Hwy 203 (11:59 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 1620 Boswell St (12:02 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 421 Plant Ave (12:25 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1103 Caroline St (8:09 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in one verbal warning, one written warning, and one citation.



Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Cuzin Lou Lou has enjoyed ownership of the "Lou 2" Jeep for several months now, and while Sister and Papa each had ridden with her on several occasions individually, last Saturday evening was the first time all three had ridden together at one time.

It was quite the adventure that began even before the gang could get out of their own driveway! Papa was determined to prove that he could get back there...with Sister discouraging it the whole time he was making his determined effort. It was no easy task, but Papa finally made it to the back.

"Now...get out and let me get back there," Sister insisted.

An out-of-breath Papa questioned why she would make him get out second after he had made it to the backseat. Sister had a doozy of an answer!

"There is no way I am going to be embarrassed in that restaurant parking lot with people watching you try and get out of the back of this thing!" Sister insisted.

Papa finally agreed that it would probably not be a pretty sight, and he maneuvered his way back out.

After Sister climbed into the backseat, Papa took his spot in the passenger seat...Lou Lou now wishes she had thought to record the whole event! Once the two were seated, Lou Lou grabbed Papa a bottle of water...he looked like he could use it at this point!

Upon making the announcement to Sister, she said, "Okay, but I still have to get ready!"

And Lou Lou responded, "I realize that and that is why I am telling you now...so, you can dress appropriately!"

Several minutes later, Sister finally emerged from the house with her cap in place to try and keep her hair from blowing everywhere. Then came the real

about 30 minutes later, the gang arrived at their destination. The meal was just as good as anticipated, and it was another great ride home (at least that is the way Lou Lou saw it).

Everyone survived...this time!

The following evening, Lou Lou and Sister needed to run an errand.

"Let's take Lou 2," Lou said.

"Nope...You got your ride out of me last night," was Sister's response.

Lou 2 remained in the garage for this trip...Lou Lou is learning to pick her battles. After a small victory Saturday night, there was no need to rock the boat the following evening.

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

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Also, Moseley said assistant principals cannot receive tenure.

"Going back to tenure laws...that does not apply to assistant principals," the superintendent said. "His new salary [based on the new salary schedule being proposed for the assistant principal position] would be an increase in what he is making, but it keeps being discussed as a decrease. It is not a decrease."

Moseley further asked Tucker about his duties.

"Currently, it is my understanding you are not serving the elementary school unless you have been asked to..." Moseley presented.

Tucker said he had mentioned to high school principal Grimes that he would not go to the elementary school unless requested this school year because he would be teaching two classes at the high school as part of his duties. He said he asked Grimes what he thought about that.

This generated a question from board member DeAnn Grantham.

"When you were interviewed for the job, you were interviewed by both the high school and elementary school principals. Was it your understanding that you worked for both?" she asked. "Did you check with [elementary principal] Mrs. Martin about this?"

Tucker said he had not seen Mrs. Martin as of last Tuesday for the new school year because she had been out sick.

"You are a 12-month employee, did you not check with her during the summer prior to the start of school?"

Tucker said he did not.

With no further questions, the superintendent thanked Tucker for his presentation.

"I truly feel I have respected everything Mr. Tucker has done for our school," Moseley said. "There are always hard

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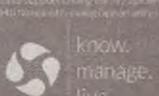
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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The second week of school proved a little tougher than expected for our grandson Lawson as he tested positive for COVID and was told to stay home for five days. He told the school nurse he had a bad headache the day of the positive test, and after school found out why. My little man is my prayers every day and will get an added prayer or two this week as he battles the mysterious, but dangerous disease.

For what it is worth....

*** **The Elba Tigers kickoff** the 2022 high school football season tomorrow night in New Brockton and despite losing a total of 17 starters from last season are once again picked by the state's pollsters to be in the hunt for a state title. Elba will be filled with young, inexperienced starters all across the front line on both sides of the ball and will have to grow up in a hurry if it is to truly be a top ten team. The Tigers do have two of the quickest running backs in the state coming back in Alvin Henderson and JT Coleman, as well as Brayden Johnson at quarterback, and while that trio should create havoc for opposing defenses and help the Tigers put lots of points on the scoreboard, the real test will be the growth of the linemen and how fast they grow into high school football players. I believe Elba will only get better and better as the season progresses, but may stumble a few times early in the season and will keep its fans biting their nails.

*** **The beginning of the high school football season** is always an exciting time for players, coaches and especially fans, and this season appears to be no different as area fans are sharing their views of their favorite teams and making bold predictions. Many of the folks down in Kinston are convinced the Bulldogs are ready to take the next step after last season's success and I even saw where one fan-atic predicted the Bulldogs would be in the top ten in the 1A standings after they open the season with wins over Samson and Elba. I know Kinston returns its multi-talented quarterback, its best running back and a pair of 300-pound linemen, but it may be a little early to reserve a room in Auburn for the super seven. Up in Zion Chapel the Rebel fans are convinced their new head coach has already changed the mindset up at Jack and I was told last week by a former Rebel quarterback that once the new coach gets settled in the Rebels should be much better than many believe and even said they should be able to beat Elba. Since the Tigers are no longer on the Zion Chapel schedule that won't happen any time soon, and why is it that all the county fans seem so concerned about what is happening down in Foggy Bottom? New Brockton fans aren't quite as optimistic as others in the county, but after a couple of down years do believe the Gamecocks have the talent to post a winning season and still have a chance to be a factor in the 3A ranks. I think it may be more of a case of wishful thinking than optimism. However, the Gamecocks are getting bigger and bigger in size and numbers, and it can't be long before they get everyone's attention. Brantley lost some really good players, but the Bulldogs fans are thinking state title, once again, and are convinced the playoff losses the last two years will be the driving force behind this year's run to the title. It is true the Bulldogs have a crafty quarterback, some speedy receivers and two big 'ole backs that can make their own holes, and I agree the road to the 1A state championship game runs through the Front Porch City.

*** **I watched the first half** of the Highland Home-Pike Liberal Arts preseason football game Friday night and have to admit the Patriots more than held their own against the Squadron and have a couple of players that can play for any team in the state. Pike Lib won the state title in the AISA ranks the last three years and was a true power among private school teams, but most area fans had their doubts just how it would compete against public schools. I know the Patriots have one of the state's toughest schedules and won't have the depth of many of its opponents. However, unless I miss my guess I think Pike Lib will fit

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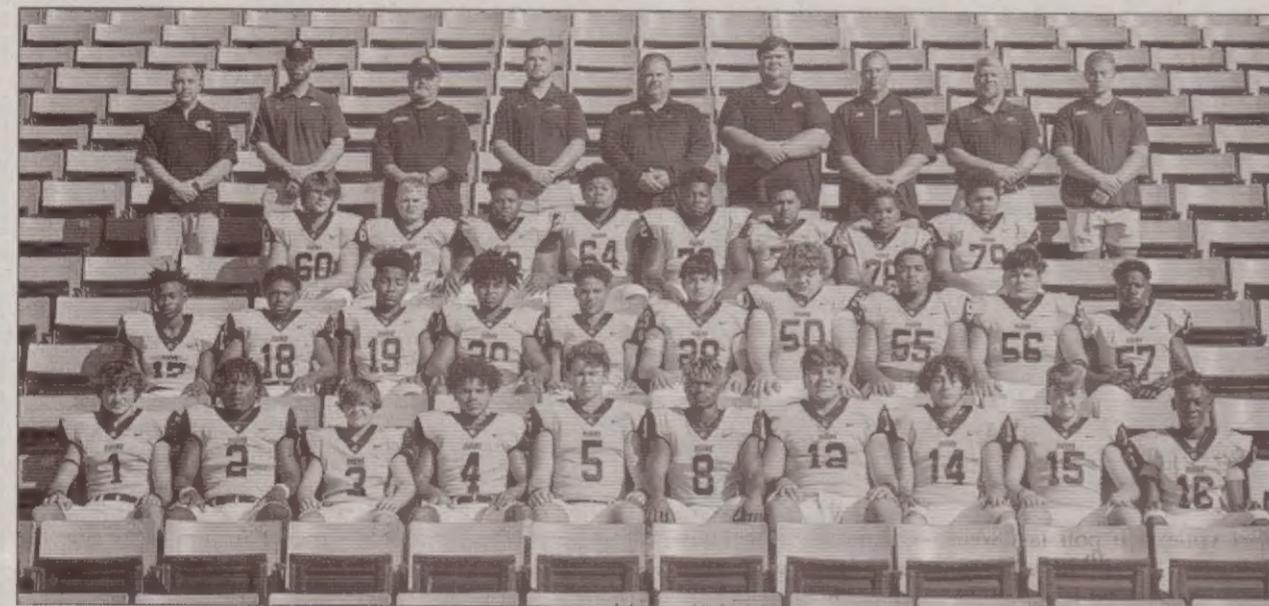
*** **The Alabama Independent School Association** (AISA) has been around since 1970 and still boasts 28 teams in the sport of football, but in recent years has begun to lose teams to the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) and this season lost two or its biggest and most successful sports programs with the move of Tuscaloosa Academy and Pike Liberal Arts to the AHSAA. While the long time organization is no doubt struggling to exist in athletics, it is keeping its options open for its members and this season has started an '8 Man' league for the member schools that do not have enough students to field a traditional team. The teams choosing to take part in the experiment include Meadowview Christian, Cornerstone Christian, Springwood, Evangel Christian, North River Christian and Southern Prep. Eight-man football has been a popular sport for many years at smaller schools across the nation, and has now made its way to Alabama and the AISA. Who knows? One day the AHSAA may join the experiment and offer the sport to its member schools.

*** **Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator** dropped by over the weekend and said that despite his better judgment he would once again try to predict high school football games during the upcoming season. The local guesspert has enjoyed a couple of banner years the last couple of seasons and laughed, but declared the best was yet to come. I guess only time will tell....

ELBA VS. NEW BROCKTON

The Pea River felines will hitch hike on Highway 84 early Friday evening and have their eyes set on a flock of big old roosters that hang out at the coop behind the dollar store. The felines will be young and may have their hands full if the roosters come out with their spurs flying. However, the guess here is that it will be a short and fun ride back to the river after a tough four quarter fight.

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2022 Elba Tigers

Elba to kick off Friday night in New Brockton

The Elba Tigers will kick off the season Friday night on the road when they renew their cross-county rivalry with the New Brockton Gamecocks, at Gamecock Stadium.

Elba owns a 13-1 series edge, won the last contest 32-21 back in 2017 and has won the last nine meetings. New Brockton's only win in the series came in 2008 by the score of 17-7.

"New Brockton is one of the larger 3A schools in the state and we are in the middle of the pack in 1A," said Elba head coach Marc Sieving, "but the two schools are only twelve miles apart and it is a game the fans of both teams want to see. It will be a challenge for us, but one we are looking forward to, and it should be a great way for both teams to open the season."

"New Brockton has got some really big guys up front on both sides of the ball and I'm sure they will take advantage of that and try to dominate their opponents at the line of scrimmage," said Sieving. "On offense they like to run the jet sweep and use misdirection, and have a craft quarterback and some very good running backs. With a line as big as theirs, they will no doubt use it to set up everything they do. Over on defense we never really known what to prepare for, and that will certainly be the case in the first game of the season. We just have to be smart, remember our rules at the line of scrimmage and play hard."

"We are excited about starting the season," added Sieving, in his third year at the Elba helm. "The players and excited and the coaches are excited. Football is a year round sport now and that means a lot of work. So, we all look forward to the games. It was a good summer both on the field and in the weight room and we feel like we made strides in a lot of areas.



Elba Coaching Staff - Glen Johnson, Kelsey Prestwood, Johnny Dyess, Austin Johnson, Head Coach Marc Sieving, Al Gilmore, Jesse Luker, and Zach Spann

We went to some camps, played in a couple of seven-on-seven contests and lately have held a couple of scrimmages. There is still so much we need to work on, but it is time to play ball. On offense we are young up front, but the new guys have really worked hard all summer and are ready to get on the field. We know they will make some mistakes because of their youth and inexperience. However, they are getting better every day and should be pretty good pretty soon. On defense we are

line and we have switched to a four-man front because we feel the line is the strength of the team and we've got a bunch of them. We are excited about those guys up front."

The Gamecock offensive

line that has Coach Holmes

excited include Ashton

Smith (6-2 282), Bradley

Adkinson (6-, 320), Payton

Merriex (5-10, 250) and

Curtis Wambles (6-3, 250),

with Adkinson, Smith and

Merriex all penciled in on

defense.

New Brockton will have

a new look in the backfield,

led by Baylon Foster, but

do return a stable of quality

receivers that look to be

frequent targets, including

tight end Jackson Lawson

(6-0, 185), wide receiver

Matt Smith (6-3, 170)

and wide receiver Jaxon

Whitworth (5-11, 140).

New Brockton is optimis-

tic that this season

will be one that sees the

Gamecocks return to their

winning ways of the past,

led by the size and strength

of its offensive and defen-

sive line.

"Our quarterback is

going to be Baylon Foster,

the starting point guard on

the basketball team, and he

has really grown during the

summer as a leader," added

Coach Holmes, in his fourth

year with the Gamecocks.

"Karyus McNabb and Gabe

Herrington will be our run-

ning backs. Karyus has

been starter for us at vari-

ous places, while Gabe is

coming back after missing

last season with an injury

and we are excited to have

him back."

SPORTS NEWS

High School VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 18

Geneva at New Brantley
Brockton
Kinston at Zion Chapel
Saturday, August 20
*Amelia Rhoades
Tournament,
Kinston High School*
** Kinston School will host the 38th Annual Amelia Rhoades Set-Off volleyball tournament on Saturday, Aug. 20, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Admission is \$6. Concession stands will be open.

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Kinston ranked 7th in Class 1A volleyball poll

The AL.com website released its annual preseason high school volleyball poll last week with the Kinston Lady Bulldogs ranked 7th in the state in Class 1A.

Every top-ranked team in the statewide poll has a state title on its resume, with five of last year's seven state champs garnering the top spot in its classification. The biggest name in the poll is Bayside Academy, which has won a total of 30 state championships, including an amazing streak of 20 straight. Bayside, which will compete in 6A this season, has won state titles in Class 1A (7), Class 2A (9), Class 3A (10), Class 4A (2) and Class 5A (2).

Following are the 'Top 3' teams in each classification, as well as area teams that were included on the top ten:

Class 7A – 1. McGill-Toolen 2. Spain Park 3. Thompson (6) Enterprise

Class 6A – 1. Bayside Academy 2. Mt. Brook 3. Spanish Fort

Class 5A – 1. Westminster Christian 2. Montgomery Academy 3. Jasper (9) Providence Ch.

Class 4A – 1. Trinity 2. Montgomery Catholic 3. Madison County

Class 3A – 1. St. Luke's 2. Prattville Christian 3. Plainview (8) Houston Academy

Class 2A – 1. G.W. Long 2. Hatton 3. Donoho

Class 1A – 1. Addison 2. Spring Garden 3. Meek (4) Pleasant Home (7) Kinston

2022 Elba Junior Varsity Football Schedule

** All games set for 6 p.m. **

Date	Opponent	Location
Aug. 22	Highland Home	Home
Aug. 29	G.W. Long	Home
Sept. 6	Brantley	Away
Sept. 12	Goshen	Home
Sept. 19	Luverne	Away
Sept. 26	Zion Chapel	Away
Oct. 3	Ariton	Away

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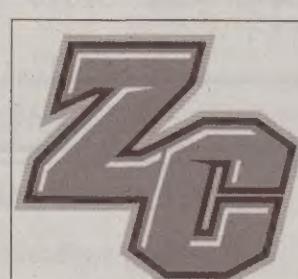


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MEET THE REBELS... Zion Chapel hosted its "Meet the Rebels" event last Thursday evening, Aug. 11, at Green Memorial Stadium on the Zion Chapel School campus. Several local schools held similar events the same night introducing their football players, cheerleaders, and band members to the community as the 2022 football season is set to kickoff this Friday night. The ZC Rebels will be in pre-season action this week as they travel to Florala for a scrimmage. Above, several Rebel players are pictured during the introductions of last week's "Meet the Rebels" event.

High school football kicks off Friday night for area teams



up front, it is easy to see why the Bulldogs are confident they can put points on the scoreboard.

Samson at Kinston
The Kinston Bulldogs will be looking to spring board off last year's record breaking season on Friday night when they host the Samson Tigers. Samson holds a big 33-7 series edge over their rivals from Coffee County, but Kinston snapped a six-game losing streak last season with a 21-20 region win.

"Last year's success proved to the players that it's not just wishing they can win, but now they know they can win," said Coach Rudy Free, in a pre-season interview. "I think it gave our kids the confidence that they know they can compete. They can see it."

The Bulldogs return five starters on offense and six on defense from last year's playoff team, with the offense being led by their entire backfield and two 300-pound offensive linemen.

Senior quarterback Caleb Sumblin (6-4, 220) has been a starter for all four years on the varsity and should be full speed after struggling much of last season with nagging injuries, while four-year starter Jeb Crosby returns at running back and Brodie Walker is back at fullback. When you add linemen Caden Carter (6-4, 315) and Connor Tew (6-4, 300) to lead the way

Brantley at Luverne
The top-ranked Brantley Bulldogs will hit the road on Friday night when they make the short trip across the county to battle the Luverne Tigers. It will be the 89th meeting between the two county rivals, and while Luverne owns a 55-30-3 edge in the longtime series, Brantley snapped a five-game losing streak last year with a dominating 49-0 win.

The Bulldogs, which has

lost only once each of the last two seasons, will be led by a stable of 14 seniors this season as they look to add a state title to the team's rich history. Running backs Robert Shine (6-0, 215) and Kedrick Brown will anchor the powerful running game, while the 'Dogs are also blessed with a stable of wide-receivers in Jon Bush, Elijah McGee, Caleb Weed and Eli Nichols. Sophomore quarterback Jayden Parks will run the high-scoring attack, and after gaining a year of experience last season should be ready to add his name to the recent list of top notch Bulldog signal callers.

Brown, Shine and Nichols will all pull double-duty on defense at linebacker, while Tyederius Ball (6-2, 254) will help anchor the line at defensive end.

Luverne is coming off a banner 9-2 season, has posted seven straight winning seasons, and over the past five seasons has piled up a total of 50 wins.

Zion Chapel at Florala
The Zion Chapel Rebels will hit the road Friday night to renew an old rivalry against the Florala

Wildcats in a pre-season football game.

This will be the first time since back in 2007 the two teams have met on the gridiron, and Florala will carry an 11-5 series edge and a six-game winning streak into the contest.

Zion Chapel has a new head coach in Cody Keene, a former assistant with the Rebels, and the new leader

is trying to change the mentality of the team that

struggled to a 1-9 record a year ago.

"We work too hard as coaches and they work too hard as players to raise a white flag just because something goes bad in the second quarter," said Keene in a pre-season interview. "We talk about a black flag mentality, which is an aggressive mentality versus that white flag. We are going to raise the black flag and keep attacking people."

Junior quarterback Mason Stuart returns to lead the Rebel offense, while seniors Bradon Grantham and Morgan Sanders are expected to fill

the backfield and get the majority of the calls on running plays. Leading the way up front on both sides of the ball in the trenches will be Tristan Hughes, Conner Stricklin, Hayden Walden and Nate Elrod, while in the secondary the Rebels will depend on Micah Fuller and Jackson Adcock.

"It is going to be mix

and match," added Keene, when speaking about his team's depth. "There is going to be some youth

on the defensive side in

some places, but I believe we can overcome that

with an aggressive mentality. I think the kids are

more talented than they

believe, and that is our job

as coaches to get them to

believe in themselves."

Florala is coming off a disappointing 3-7 season and missed the playoffs for the first time in four years after posting 15 wins the previous two years.

Junior quarterback

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CHURCH NEWS

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There will be popcorn, Church is located at 27057 Ala. Hwy. 87, Jack, Ala.

PASTOR'S CORNER

by R. Steven Reneau, Pastor
Elba United Methodist Church

Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

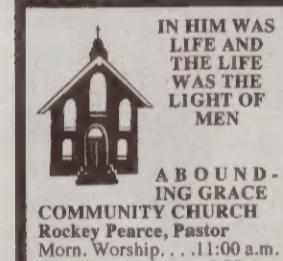
Last week I wrote about God's grace speaking to how it is God's freely offered and undeserving favor and love, and how John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Movement, understood our experience with God's grace in three ways. Firstly, the grace of God that goes before us, and calls us into a relationship with God. This grace wakes us up to the reality that something is wrong with this world and something is wrong with how we are living in it. In response to this grace, we turn back to God and ask God for forgiveness. In the Christian faith we call this response "repentance", which comes from a Hebrew word that means "to turn around".

The Good News is that when we repent, when we turn back to God, and seek forgiveness that God graciously offers it. This is what Paul and John Wesley call "justifying" grace; it is a "forgiving grace". In that moment, we have peace with God through what Jesus Christ has done for us. We are no longer at war with God.

One of my favorite Christmas carols is "Hark the Herald Angels Sing". It is a beautiful, Methodist song written by Charles Wesley, John Wesley's brother. In this open part of that carol are the lyrics "God and sinners reconciled." That is the best explanation of what the forgiving grace of God is. It is the end of the war that humanity declared upon God.

Alexander Pope once said, "To err is human; to forgive, divine." Those who follow Christ are called to look like and act like God. That means we are to be as graciously forgiving in our own lives as God is to us. We must take seriously the line from the prayer that Jesus taught us, "forgive us our trespasses (sins) as we forgive those who trespass (sin) against us." In that prayer we are asking God to forgive us in the same manner that we forgive others. There are some moments in my life that I hope God does not copy how forgive or do not forgive others in the Lord's forgiveness of me. It is the challenge of every believer to forgive as God forgives, and through our actions others may come to see how God is a gracious and forgiving God.

Share Your Church News with Us!



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COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Paul Jackson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night . . . "Peak of the Week & meal . . . 5:30 p.m.
Bible Study & Prayer . . . 6:15 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH
Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed Prayer Meet . . . 7:00 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
John C. Ward, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

JANON BAPTIST CHURCH
Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Phillip A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Thur. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
David Nold, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
Loren E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.

GOD'S POWERHOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH
H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Thur. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP TABERNACLE
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Kit Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Steve Reneau, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH
Remond Smith, Pastor
Church Services . . . 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

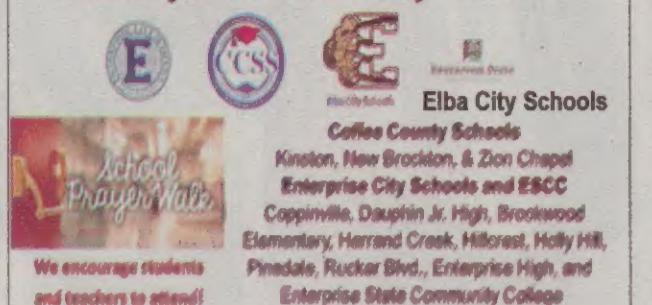
CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH
Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Lovel Martin, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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Mount Zion Baptist Church introduces new youth ministry

The members of Mount Zion Baptist Church at Mixons Crossroads introduce their new youth ministry, C.A.S.T. (Christian Artists Sharing Truth).

C.A.S.T. is a Christ-centered Creative Arts Ministry which exists to empower a generation of youth by providing a place for them to grow in their relationship with Christ while enjoying the experience of theatre, music, dance, visual and other creative arts.

C.A.S.T. evolved from humble beginnings, having made its impromptu debut during the Christmas season of 2021, with the youth of the church acting out the story of the first Christmas as it was read by an adult Narrator. In April, many of the same cast members took the stage again to re-enact the story of The Empty Tomb. Most recently, following a two-day Drama Intensive Workshop the cast presented a one-act musical, "A Talent Show of Gifts" during the Sunday morning service. Pastor Wilson Jordan, ministry director, has continually expressed his support of and excitement over the new program and its potential in the lives of the youth and in sharing the gospel.

There are currently 16 members of the C.A.S.T., ranging in age from five to seventeen. Though most had no previous performing arts experience, each came into the program with something far more important, a willing heart and a desire to learn and to serve.

Anyone interested in becoming part of this growing, dynamic ministry, or for questions/ideas to share, email <mountzionbaptist.church.mixons@gmail.com> or come join the group on Sunday mornings.

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Round and About With Eria's Daughter



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Scripture: Great is the Lord and greatly to be Praised. Psalm 48: 1-14

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Mamie Belcher, Louisa Moultrie, Marcus Fitch, Belinda Ordon, Albert Walker, Rushie Culver, Ariel Hutchinson, Deenard Brooks, Doris Hooks Fleming

August Birthdays / Anniversaries

Bri Culver 8/9
Elder J.C. Rogers 8/9
Myron and Maria K. Duncan 8/9 W.A.
LeRay Smedley 8/10
Sabrina Reed 8/12
Danny "Yogi" Folmar 8/12 (in memory)

Briggett Tyson 8/13
Calvin Tyson 8/14
Catherlyn Carpenter 8/15
Rev. and Mrs. Tyrone Smith 8/15 W.A.
Otis and Joyce B. Johnson 8/15 W.A.
Jimmie N. Smith 8/15
Jeffery Starks 8/15

Where Are You?

Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 disappeared on March 8, 2014. The last voice contact came less than an hour after takeoff. Radar showed the plane deviating from its flight plan soon afterward. Satellite tracking eventually revealed that the flight headed southwest over the Indian Ocean. Nearly a year and a half later, pieces of debris from the plane began to appear. As of this writing though, the plane has yet to be found.

Flight 370's disappearance has led to various theories about the cause. Was it an act of terrorism? Did the pilot intentionally change the flight path and crash the plane into the ocean?

The cockpits failure to respond to a multitude of "Where are You?" requests may indicate the latter.

When God and Isaac each

called to Abraham, that man declared his presence by saying, "Here am I." He had not deviated from where he was expected to be. Whether the situation involves family, friends, work or our relationship with God, when we are called upon to be wholly present, the only satisfactory answer is "here I am." When 'here' is the appropriate place to be. It's a matter of integrity and responsibility, but ultimately, it's a matter of being accountable to those whom we love and who love us, especially God. —C.R.B.

Question: / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 8/18/22

Fill in the Blanks

Q: In the Book of Genesis, Joseph retained _____ as a hostage?

A: Simeon [Genesis 42:24]

Q: Jesus wants His followers to be known for their _____ for one another.

A: Love [John 13:5]

Q: Those born of God overcometh the _____.

A: World [1 John 5:4]

Thought to Remember

For hearts to be changed, they must be receptive to change.

Questions for the Week of 8/25/22

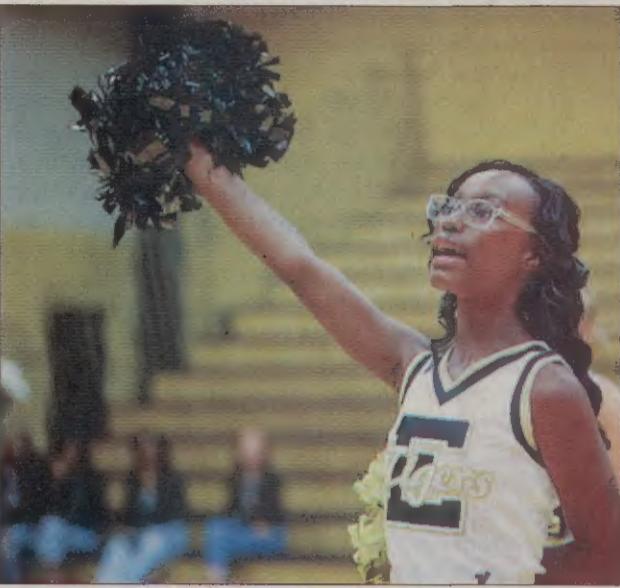
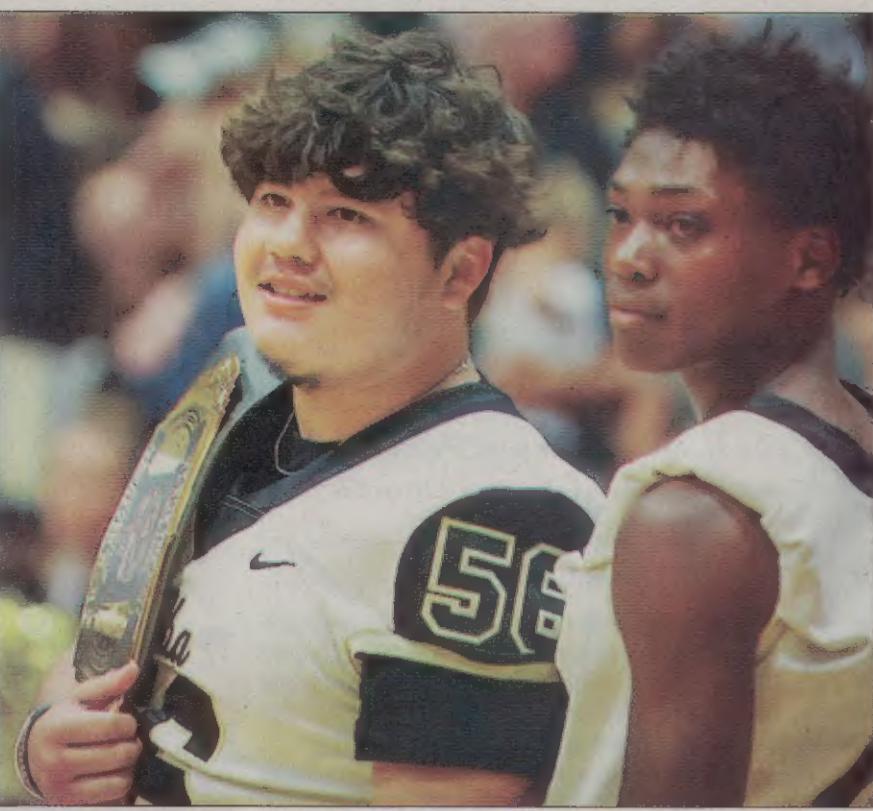
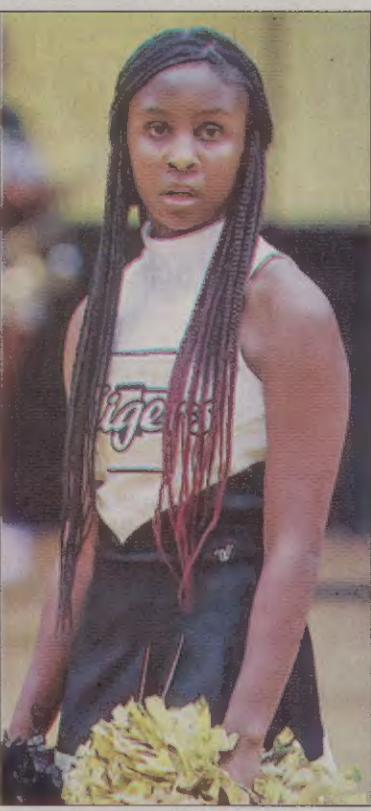
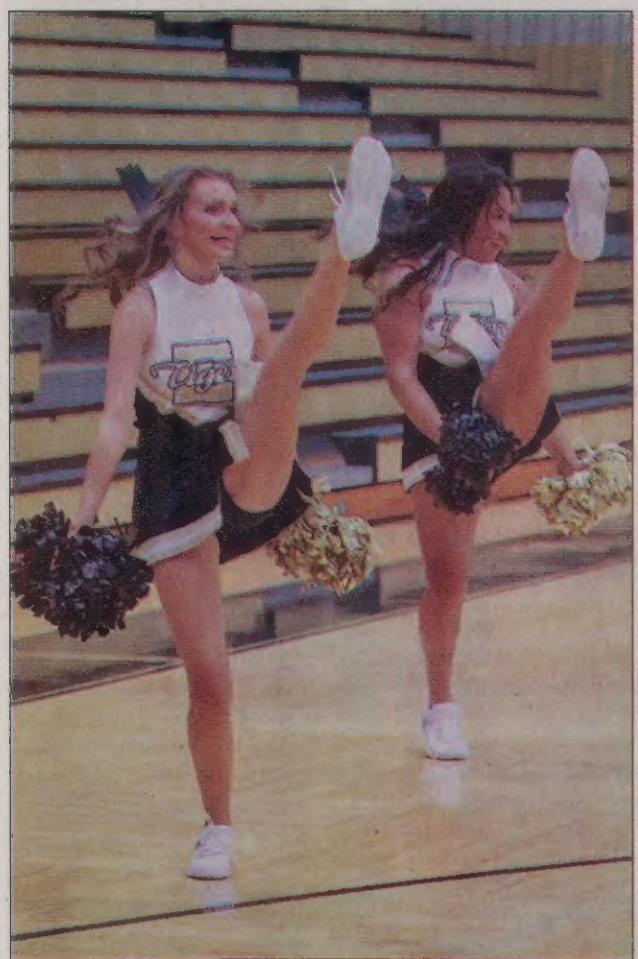
Multiple Choice, Use concordance

Q: In the Book of Exodus, the penalty for working on the Sabbath was what? (death, 40 lashes, prison)

Q: God promised to give His people a new what? — Pick Two (land, heart, spirit, stone, name)

Q: Which people group is not mentioned as occupying the land

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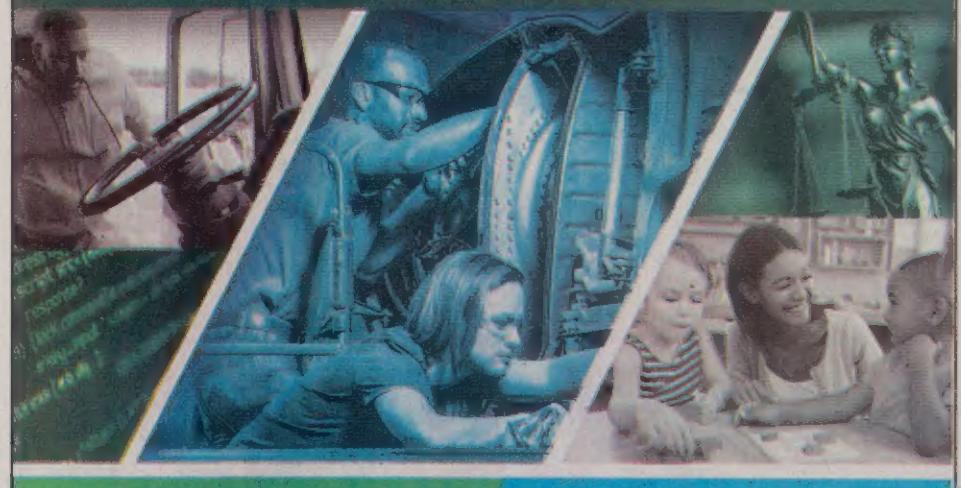
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